



THE IRISH LEADER SPEAKS.

HIS VIEWS ON IRISH PROPOSALS.

EFFECT OF CHAMBERLAIN'S OPPOSITION.

MR. PARNELL THINKS THAT MUCH DEPENDS ON THE ENGLISH HEALTH—THANKING AMERICA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.]

LONDON, March 19.—Mr. Parnell favored me today with an interview in which he contained his most important public utterance since the assembling of the present Parliament. After this interview had been put into writing it was submitted to Mr. Parnell and carefully revised by him in order to insure strict accuracy.

"Mr. Parnell what effect do you anticipate will the resignation of Messrs. Chamberlain and Trevelyan have upon the Irish cause?"

"That would depend upon a variety of circumstances, but the most important factor is undoubtedly Mr. Gladstone's health. If that holds good home rule I think is secure."

"Whether those gentlemen resign or not do you think discussions in the Cabinet will cause a dissolution of Parliament?"

"I am not inclined to think so. Mr. Chamberlain's influence on members of the present House of Commons is very small indeed. In fact I know of few men who have been so long in Parliament as Mr. Chamberlain who have less influence with their fellow members or who are less looked up to for authoritative guidance. I think Mr. Gladstone would manage to carry his measures through the House of Commons without Mr. Chamberlain's aid. Apart from the effect of Mr. Gladstone's influence, the number of new members in the present Parliament on the Liberal side and the number of members on the Tory side who owe their seats to the Irish vote are considerable enough to make the Irish vote an important factor in the election. Moreover the Irish landlords, notwithstanding their pretended hostility, will be so eager not to miss the opportunity of the land purchase scheme that their influence under the rose will be calculated to take the backbone out of Tory opposition."

"Should Mr. Gladstone's measure go safely through the House of Commons do you think it will be rejected by the House of Lords?"

"I rather think the Lords will hesitate before they reject the scheme if it passes the Commons. They will be more likely to confine their attention to making the Land Purchase scheme as favorable as possible to landlords, and to minimizing by amendments in committee the measure dealing with Irish autonomy."

"You do not anticipate strong resistance to Mr. Gladstone's measures from the Whigs led by Lord Hartington?"

"Mr. Chamberlain's opposition would probably have the effect of drawing Lord Hartington closer to Mr. Gladstone's side."

"Looking at the matter from a general election point of view, what do you think would be the effect of Mr. Chamberlain's opposition?"

"Mr. Chamberlain undoubtedly occupies a very influential position among the section of the English Conservatives, those in the Midlands, but outside of this district his power is not much felt or recognized. Hence I should not apprehend that in the event of an appeal to the country upon Mr. Gladstone's proposals Mr. Chamberlain's opposition would prove very damaging."

"Apart from Mr. Chamberlain's opposition what do you think would be the result of an appeal to the country, the issue being Home Rule for Ireland?"

"I am very much disposed to think it would balance the balance of parties pretty much as it is now. At the last general election we gave Conservatives by the aid of Irish votes at least seventy seats on a moderate count. If Mr. Gladstone's proposals should prove fairly acceptable a settlement of the long-standing quarrel between England and Ireland, this vote would everywhere be given and these seventy seats would go to Liberal candidates possibly. The issue being Home Rule an equivalent loss would be incurred by the Liberals throughout England generally, so that the matters would be balanced and remain as they are now with a majority of 170 of Liberals and Nationalists combined over Tories."

"You spoke of the earnestness of the landlords not to lose the benefit of land purchase schemes. Do you think this will weaken their resistance to Home Rule?"

"I should think I would. The attachment of the land to the Home Rule question is shrewdly devised. Much of the lands held by the Irish landlords are mortgaged. If those mortgages were released and the landlords residing upon and occupying their demesne properties their tenants holding being transferred to the State could live very comfortably and in the happiest relations with their neighbors. The great majority would be overjoyed at the relief. There is a commercial interest beside, both in England and Ireland. The holders of these mortgages to whom the land purchase would be a great boon and their desire to have the matter settled would be a considerable factor in forwarding the creation of an Irish Legislature on whose establishment this settlement would depend. In fact, the land purchase scheme would be so eminently beneficial to the landlord that the faintest opposition to the prospect may be from Radicals who, if they do oppose Mr. Gladstone's measures will be likely to let Home Rule pass readily enough and direct their hostility to the Land bill. Mr. Chamberlain, however, if he leaves the Cabinet will probably oppose the measure dealing with the government of Ireland as strongly as he would the measure dealing with the land."

"What would be Mr. Chamberlain's object?"

"Mr. Chamberlain's policy is undoubtedly to keep the Irish members in Westminster in hopes that they will assist him in carrying out the Radical programme, but if he by any chance succeeded as the result of his present action in dashing the cup from the lips of Ireland, so far from the Radical programme being assisted by Irish members a chasm would be created between them and the Radicals that would not be bridged over in twenty years. The only serious immediate danger is the condition of Mr. Gladstone's health, or if his voice is failed him. Even now it would be a grave calamity, but it would be worse in the general election when it would be necessary for him to make at least three or four great speeches. If an appeal to the country be enforced upon him, moreover, in the excitement and turmoil of an electoral campaign his health would be a source of continual anxiety. Mr. Chamberlain, I am inclined to think, would have little cause to rejoice at his work if it resulted in ruining the hopes of the aged Prime Minister finally settling the Irish question. A revolution of feeling would probably set in against the man who had done this even among the most liberal of Liberals."

"In conclusion," said Mr. Parnell, "I would beg of you to convey my thanks to the people of America for the continued and large contributions that so constantly reach us from there. Unquestionably one of the main reasons why English public opinion has at length consented to investigate thoroughly Irish question is the remarkable evidence which these contributions afford of the sympathy and support of America toward the Irish movement. The fact that these remittances come not only from citizens of Irish birth but from all nationalities has also been noted on this side and its significance widely appreciated. You will recollect that several weeks ago Mr. Chamberlain, who has now openly shown his enmity toward the National de-

mand of Ireland, was credited with the authorship of an article in *The Fortnightly Review*, in which prominence was given to the argument against the demand that our resources would soon be exhausted and that Ireland would then be left defenceless against the resources of civilization which Great Britain could bring against her. This argument has now been falsified, and it has been shown that America is able and willing to enable us to maintain a long-continued struggle in the very doubtful event of this being necessary."

JOINING MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LIBERAL MEMBERS TO SUPPORT HIM.

MR. GLADSTONE STATES THAT HE WILL PRESENT HIS IRISH PROPOSALS NEXT WEEK.

LONDON, March 19.—It is stated on indisputable authority that the Radical election is increasing, and that Messrs. Morley, Bright, Osborne, Morgan, Broadhurst, Hennessy and other well-known Liberal members of Parliament will join Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Gladstone said this afternoon in the House of Commons that he hoped to be able next week to make a statement of his Irish proposals. He also stated the nature of the scheme of Irish reform which he proposed to submit. Mr. Gladstone asked the members of the House to exercise a prudent reserve in giving credence to any of his statements. He added that his statement would probably be followed by the introduction of a government bill to carry his plans into effect.

Mr. Gladstone also asked that members exercise a prudent reserve in regard to rumors of dissension in the Cabinet. Some of the lobby frequenters think this indicates that the difference between the Premier and Mr. Chamberlain has either been arranged or is in a fair way of being arranged. The Conservatives, however, in view of the vagueness of Mr. Gladstone's language, incline to think that the breach is beyond repair.

Lord Randolph Churchill is highly displeased at the policy of Mr. Gladstone attached to his conference of yesterday with Mr. Chamberlain.

At a convention of Liberals at Belfast last evening resolutions were adopted promising general support to Mr. Gladstone, but urging him to abandon the idea of Home Rule, and advocating the abolition of the Lord Lieutenantcy and the appointment of a Secretary for Ireland.

At a convention of Irish Liberals in a hall in London, held on Wednesday night, a resolution was adopted recommending Mr. Gladstone to withdraw from the House of Commons and to advocate the extension of the local government of Ireland.

KILKENNY, March 19.—A carrier, one Neil, was attacked and beaten with unprovoked violence last night, while conveying goods from the city to the country. The carrier was taken to the hospital, and the goods were lost. The carrier's injuries are serious, and it is feared may prove fatal.

WORKINGMEN FIGHTING IN BELGIUM.

THEY ATTACKED BY THE GENDARMES—BROTHERS WOUNDED—CHIEFS ARRESTED.

BRUSSELS, March 19.—The parade of unemployed Socialists in Liège, the most important center of Belgium, last evening resulted in disorderly demonstrations. A mob took possession of many of the streets, shouting, "Down with the capitalists!" "Down with the bourgeoisie!" and attacking the shops. They wrecked all the cafes and sacked all the shops in the city. The gendarmes finally attacked the mob and after a severe fight, in which many of the rioters were wounded, succeeded in clearing the streets and restoring order. Several hundred Socialists were taken active part in the riot have been placed under arrest.

ADMIRAL NELSON'S GRANDSON IN PERIL.

AN ATTEMPT BY BRIGANDS TO SILENTLY CAPTURE HIM—FRUSTRATED.

ROME, March 19.—A sensation has been produced in Italy by a recent attempt by brigands to capture the grandson of Admiral Nelson. The young man, Lord Nelson, is the son of the present Lord Nelson, who was the husband of Lady Charlotte, daughter of Admiral Nelson. His father is Equerry to the Queen and Duke of Brontë in Sicily. The family estate includes the property containing the Castle of Marone, which was given by the King of Sicily to the Admiral. Victor was living in Rome. The object of the attempt was to capture him and take him to the mountains for a high ransom. In a desperate fight, however, the brigands were defeated and an attack in force upon the place. The servants were brave and soon rallied around their young master in defense of his person and estate. A fierce fight resulted, but only after many of them were disabled by wounds. Four of the brigands were taken prisoners and turned over to the custody of the authorities.

OPPRESSIVE WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 19.—The weather has suddenly become oppressively warm. The thermometer today has registered 62° in the shade. It was 34° since Wednesday night. This sudden and rapid change from the long spell of wintry weather, which was so general in England, has caused much discomfort for several days to almost the summer heat of this latitude. The people are entirely unprepared and have not been able to get used to the change. The temperature and several persons have been attacked by sunstroke.

FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS.

BERLIN, March 19.—In the Reichstag today the Sugar Duties bill was rejected on its second reading.

ATHENS, March 19.—The summoning of the reserves for active service has been postponed until Premier Deligiannis has been appointed to confer with the three generals commanding the army.

BERLIN, March 19.—The snow and ice throughout Germany is thawing and floods are reported in many parts of the Empire.

PARIS, March 19.—A number of Americans in Paris will give a concert on Monday evening at the Grand Theatre.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—The Government has taken steps to develop thoroughly the petroleum fields in the Caucasus. The object is to develop the oil fields in the Caucasus. It has called a convention of scientists, engineers and oil producers to meet at Baku, on the Caspian Sea, on March 27, to discuss plans for the development of the oil fields.

GOVERNORSHIP OF EASTERN RUMELIA.

VIENNA, March 19.—It is semi-officially announced that Russia is making a large number of troops from the Caucasus to the Balkans. The object is to pressure upon Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, whom the Russians suspect of conspiring with England to cement permanently the present union between Bulgaria and Eastern Rumelia by maintaining his claim to a life title to the governorship of the latter country. The object is to limit his term to five years.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—The Emperor has declared that Prince Alexander must renounce his claim to the governorship of Eastern Rumelia. The Emperor will give the single term of five years. The paper says the powers will insist on this before they ratify the action of Turkey.

HUNTING DOWN A BURGLAR.

CHASSED FOR THREE DAYS AND CAUGHT IN THE RIVER.

RICHMOND, Va., March 19.—The man who has been hunted through Chesterfield County for three days as the burglar who on last Wednesday morning entered the grocery store of Herman Schmidt and attempted to steal a large quantity of goods, was captured by the police at the depot and escaped. The police were on the lookout for him since the robbery in the store. About fifteen Richmond policemen, the Chesterfield County constabulary and a number of volunteers joined in the hunt for the fugitive, and on Wednesday evening two Richmond officers came up with him at Coalfield Station on the Richmond and Danville Road, and fired at him with shotguns, but he again escaped. The man who was shot at was seen to get through Chesterfield County the man lost his way in the woods and turned back to try to get north. He crossed the river to Richmond this afternoon on the Belle Isle bridge, but as soon as he landed he was discovered and pursued by workmen in the Tredegar Works and jumped into a boat and attempted to recross the river. The police followed and captured him in mid-river, the fugitive making no resistance, although armed with a revolver. The prisoner gives the name of Charles Shaw, and says that he lives at No. 243 East-st., New York. He is a shoemaker by trade, but says he has been a crook for about a year. He acknowledges shooting the officer at the depot, but denies the burglary and safe blowing. The excitement when the prisoner was brought to the city was intense and it required a detail of police to escort him through the crowd in the streets to the police station. An examination showed that he had received a number of bird-shot in his legs.

THE AGES LONG MURDER CASE.

LEOMINSTER, Mass., March 19.—The parents and sisters of George E. Stowers, the alleged murderer of Agnes A. Long, at Attleboro, think that he has committed suicide, and say he would take that step whether guilty or innocent.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., March 19.—Footprints have been found leading from the house of George E. Stowers to a dense jungle near by, known as Bear Swamp, which few people visit, but in which Stowers is said to have spent considerable time since his removal into the neighborhood. The officers have searched that swamp, just before leaving home, changed his shoes for rubber boots.

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DAILY, WILLIAM, age seventeen, living at No. 184 First-st., Hoboken, who was in the forward cabin on the deck, and both feet crushed. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, and is now lying in the forward ward. He is now lying in the forward ward. He is now lying in the forward ward.

GIVENS, R. J., age sixteen, living at No. 184 First-st., Hoboken, who was in the forward cabin on the deck, and both feet crushed. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, and is now lying in the forward ward. He is now lying in the forward ward. He is now lying in the forward ward.

SCHMIDT, A. J., age sixteen, living at No. 184 First-st., Hoboken, who was in the forward cabin on the deck, and both feet crushed. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, and is now lying in the forward ward. He is now lying in the forward ward. He is now lying in the forward ward.

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